

8 "In every thing give thanks." 1 Thess. 5: 18.

9 Christ has all authority in heaven and on earth. If you are not obedient you certainly are a rebel.

10 Christ's invitation is to you.

### THE LESSON FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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1. *Christ's most characteristic attitude is that of invitation.*

In the entrance hall of one of our southern hospitals is a large copy of Thorwaldsen's statue of the Christ. It comes as near to being a satisfactory representation of the Savior as anything we can imagine. The figure is a sermon and a benediction to the multitudes of sick, afflicted, and sorrowing who pass it; for the statue depicts the Savior with hands outstretched in blessing and invitation, and with eyes looking down in compassion. He is the tender, loving, and benignant Christ. Underneath the figure are the words, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

2. *Jesus alone can satisfy the world's wants.*

A man who is a millionaire many times over announced not long ago that he would retire from business and devote himself to philanthropy. At once petitions for money began to pour in upon him in a stream. He said that his wealth would be exhausted in a month if he undertook to comply with the requests received. The man, despite his enormous resources, was unable to gratify the needs that thronged to him. No man can satisfy all needs. For every friend this particular millionaire has made he has probably made two enemies. There is only One, and he went to death to purchase this privilege, who can say, "Come unto me, all ye," and who can satisfy to the full every needy soul that accepts his invitation.

3 *If we keep near to Christ we shall become like him.*

"If I could have my desk in that man's office and could be near him every day, I believe my whole life would be uplifted," remarked a young man in speaking of an older Christian. He wanted to absorb the very character of the man who is his ideal. If he could be close to him always, that he might learn his traits and his nature, he felt that his own life would be transformed. The way to become like the ideal Man is set forth in our lesson, "Come unto me . . . learn of me."

4. *Jesus meets all needs.*

Our newspapers print columns of advertisements of quack medicines which promise to cure all the ills of the body. Of course, their claims are false. Nevertheless people pay thousands of dollars for such medicines. Would that men were as quick to accept the true promises of One who alone can cure life of all its real troubles! There is no heartache, no sorrow, no loneliness, no disappointment, no defeat, no weariness, that cannot be met by Him who says, "Come unto me."

5. *The personal Saviour is the heart of Christianity.*

If you were a Chinese you would be asked to accept a system of truths laid down by Confucius or Buddha. No heathen religion can afford more than this. But Christianity invites men not to a code of ethics, but to a person. This is the secret of the gospel's simplicity. Its message is, "Come unto me"—unto the personal, loving, sympathizing, and comprehensible Christ.

6. *Christ's yoke is a blessing.*

What is the use of a yoke? Is it a burden to be borne? Of course not; it is a device to make burdens light. A yoke is not a hardship, but a help. We are mistaken when we treat Christ's invitation to take his yoke upon us as if it were a load he is imposing. He offers us a yoke—and well the Nazareth carpenter knew the difference between an easy yoke and a galling yoke—that life's burdens may be made light.

### Terse Teachings

Privilege entails obligation.

Christ's yoke yokes us to Christ.

Christ's yoke keeps us near to him.

An easy yoke makes a light burden.

The Son is the Father's interpreter.

Following Christ is both a school and a service.

The lowliness of Christ helps to exalt his followers.

Not until we wear Christ's yoke can we learn his lessons.

## Church News

### Notice to the Pastors and Churches of Ohio

Elsewhere in this issue of the EVANGELIST appears the program of our Ohio State Conference. Will the pastors, ministers and congregations please note the following:—

1. Delegates are to be chosen as follows:

(1) Every minister in good standing in the church in Ohio is a delegate by virtue of his ministerial office. (2) The several congregations will elect from the lay members, one delegate for every fifty members or fraction thereof.

2. Every minister in the state shall present to the Conference a certificate of standing from the congregation in which he holds his membership; if any minister cannot be present he shall send his certificate to the secretary. The secretary will send such blank certificate to any one asking for it. This applies also to such persons to whom the congregations have given the liberty to preach.

3. The program.—It is earnestly desired that each person whose name appears on the program will respond. Let us make this Conference session one of the best we have ever held. If each one will do his duty we can do so.

The last Conference instructed the secretary to gather such statistics as may be interesting and helpful. The necessary blanks will be sent out and it is important that they

be filled out at once and returned.

The secretary will gladly answer any questions in reference to this work, or if you are not supplied with the necessary blank forms he will supply you upon application for the same. Address,

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It has been a long time since I have taken up space in the EVANGELIST. I often think if I could write like this brother or sister I would write often. But that is not what the Lord wants us to do. He only asks us to do what we can, and to use the talent he has given us, let that be one or five. By his help I will try and write once again. How my heart is made to rejoice to know that we now have a church house in Washington City that we can call our own, that we can worship beneath our own vine and fig tree. It does us so much good to hear of the good that is being done thru-out this broad land of ours. Surely God is working in the hearts of our people. There is yet much yet to be done. I often think of those that are not taking the EVANGELIST. How little they know about the church and the good there is being done. How much good they are missing. I think the EVANGELIST should be in every member's home. I for one think I could not do without it. How we love to read the letters that our dear brothers and sisters write. It does us so much good to read the letters of those with whom we are acquainted. The EVANGELIST is indeed food to the soul and that is what we need. More of God's love in our hearts to live more of a consecrated life to him, more of Christ in our hearts and not so much of the world. He will help us to overcome all if we only trust him. He is standing with outstretched arms ready and willing to help us at all times if we are but willing to open our hearts and work with him. My earnest desire is to live better each day, ready and willing to do his will and look to him for help and not to man. My prayer is that we may one and all live so as to be ready when he comes.

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### Gleanings from the Wayside

Thru the providential care of him that doeth all things well, we are enabled to occupy the present moments in correspondence to the EVANGELIST. Last Sunday night we closed our work at College Corner, with a very large audience, all we could accommodate. A deep spiritual interest seemed to manifest itself thru the entire service. We were pleased to close with such interest after preaching for them for eight years. May our successor be successful. It was our privilege to visit Eaton, Ind., on the second Sunday, one of our former fields of labor. Had a large congregation Sunday morning and evening. Pleased to meet them once more. For the last few days we have been soliciting in the community of the Poplar Grove church in the interest of a bell for our house of worship. We are not thru yet.